22: Wiedfeldt--46 F-5 (1913) 1914 Formosan Aborigines
116, 571, 602, 614 Atayal

The next highest social institution [MC: above the family], the clan, is based on the blood relationship of the families, which are thus united into a solid unit. Since each member has the same influence on the direction of the clan, each is exposed to the same dangers, and each derives the same profit from it. Joint responsibility, which is the most rudimentary and most easily developed form of common responsibility is in keeping here, especially since more cultivated types of association with limited or graduated responsibility are unknown. The clan is charged with such economic tasks as exceed the capacity of the individual family. In particular, it owns the property which the member families use and own temporarily... It has other important functions in criminal and civil law, and together with the tribe it facilitates the entire legal side of Atayal life.

25: Plaut --40 [2] U-4 (no date) 1903 Formosan Aborigines
116, 571, 682, 721

Murder and homicide. Among the natives of the Palisha district, the punishment for murder is exile. But life outside the clan society is a miserable existence, and the banished man's most ardent desire is to be allowed to return home. Head-hunting offers him an opportunity to win this permission. If he succeeds in capturing a Chinese head, he sends it to the tribe as a sign of victory, and then some time later he may return home without being in danger.